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Ravalli County

Located in western Montana, Ravalli County is Montana's seventh most populous with 37,304 residents, according to the 2001 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Hamilton, the county seat, was the state's 20th largest city with a population of 3,705 in 2000. According to the 1990 Census, more than 16 percent of workers living in Ravalli County commute to Missoula County to work. The county is home to the Bitterroot Valley, a passageway for the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. It was also a former home to the Flathead Indians who invited missionaries to build St. Mary's Mission in 1841. Hamilton was settled around 1887 when Marcus Daly, a mining tycoon, established a lumber mill in the area.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1893 and named for Jesuit Missionary Father Anthony Ravalli who located to the region in 1845. Hamilton replaced Stevensville as the county seat in 1898, according to the authors, and most likely is named after early pioneer J. W. Hamilton.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Ravalli County households in 1998 was \$30,003. The county is 2,400.4 square miles in area; 2,394.3 square miles in land area and 6.1 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Hamilton in January between 1971 and 2000 was 16.8 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 82.8 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 13.54 inches. The growing season was from May 23 to Sept. 19 (last and first frost).

Ravalli County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

| Area | 2001 Census Estimate | 2000 Census | 1990 Census | 1980 Census | % Change '00 to '01 | % Change '90 to '00 | % Change '80 to '90 |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Montana | 904,433 | 902,195 | 799,065 | 786,690 | 0.2% | 12.9% | 1.6% |
| Ravalli County | 37,304 | 36,070 | 25,010 | 22,493 | 3.4% | 44.2% | 11.2% |
| Darby | NA | 710 | 625 | 581 | NA | 13.6% | 7.6% |
| Hamilton | NA | 3,705 | 2,737 | 2,661 | NA | 35.4% | 2.9% |
| Pinesdale | NA | 742 | 670 | 458 | NA | 10.7% | 46.3% |
| Stevensville | NA | 1,553 | 1,221 | 1,207 | NA | 27.2% | 1.2% |

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

NA = not available

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**Top 10 Private Employers In Ravalli County
Listed In Alphabetical Order**

| | | |
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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

Fourth Quarter 2001 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads, tribal entities and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Resources

Annual Average Labor Force For Ravalli County

| Year | Civilian Labor Force | | Unemployment | | Rate |
|------|----------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------|
| | Employed | Unemployed | Employed | Unemployed | |
| 2001 | 18,163 | 17,323 | 840 | 4.6% | |
| 2000 | 18,272 | 17,322 | 950 | 5.2% | |
| 1999 | 17,730 | 16,658 | 1,072 | 6.0% | |
| 1998 | 17,073 | 15,863 | 1,210 | 7.1% | |
| 1997 | 16,502 | 15,449 | 1,053 | 6.4% | |
| 1996 | 15,973 | 15,007 | 966 | 6.0% | |
| 1995 | 15,112 | 14,160 | 952 | 6.3% | |
| 1994 | 14,535 | 13,695 | 840 | 5.8% | |
| 1993 | 13,929 | 12,720 | 1,209 | 8.7% | |
| 1992 | 13,232 | 12,002 | 1,230 | 9.3% | |
| 1991 | 12,251 | 10,923 | 1,328 | 10.8% | |
| 1990 | 11,724 | 10,741 | 983 | 8.4% | |
| 1989 | 11,762 | 10,680 | 1,082 | 9.2% | |
| 1988 | 12,690 | 11,541 | 1,149 | 9.1% | |
| 1987 | 11,323 | 10,286 | 1,037 | 9.2% | |
| 1986 | 11,036 | 9,929 | 1,107 | 10.0% | |
| 1985 | 11,048 | 9,914 | 1,134 | 10.3% | |
| 1984 | 10,889 | 9,744 | 1,145 | 10.5% | |
| 1983 | 8,708 | 7,547 | 1,161 | 13.3% | |
| 1982 | 8,800 | 7,513 | 1,287 | 14.6% | |
| 1981 | 8,418 | 7,480 | 938 | 11.1% | |
| 1980 | 7,901 | 7,087 | 814 | 10.3% | |
| 1979 | 7,921 | 7,317 | 604 | 7.6% | |
| 1978 | 7,773 | 7,117 | 656 | 8.4% | |
| 1977 | 7,391 | 6,671 | 720 | 9.7% | |
| 1976 | 6,830 | 6,162 | 668 | 9.8% | |
| 1975 | 6,407 | 5,738 | 669 | 10.4% | |
| 1974 | 6,646 | 6,150 | 496 | 7.5% | |
| 1973 | 6,128 | 5,747 | 381 | 6.2% | |
| 1972 | 5,934 | 5,544 | 390 | 6.6% | |
| 1971 | 5,568 | 5,188 | 380 | 6.8% | |
| 1970 | 5,470 | 5,101 | 369 | 6.7% | |

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2002 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

| Occupation | Total | Male | Female |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 10,763 | 6,120 | 4,643 |
| Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations | 2,254 | 1,517 | 1,097 |
| Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations | 889 | 548 | 341 |
| Professional Specialty Occupations | 1,365 | 609 | 756 |
| Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations | 2,779 | 953 | 1,826 |
| Technicians and Related Support Occupations | 265 | 138 | 127 |
| Sales Occupations | 1,170 | 524 | 646 |
| Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical | 1,344 | 291 | 1,053 |
| Service Occupations | 1,524 | 436 | 1,088 |
| Private Household Occupations | 76 | 0 | 76 |
| Protective Service Occupations | 132 | 95 | 37 |
| Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household | 1,316 | 341 | 975 |
| Farming, Forestry, Fishing | 1,047 | 837 | 210 |
| Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations | 1,288 | 1,182 | 106 |
| Mechanics and Repairers | 411 | 405 | 6 |
| Construction Trade | 614 | 567 | 47 |
| Extractive Occupations | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Precision Production Occupations | 247 | 194 | 53 |
| Operators, Fabricators and Laborers | 1,805 | 1,528 | 277 |
| Machinists, Assemblers and Inspectors | 749 | 579 | 170 |
| Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 654 | 592 | 62 |
| Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers | 402 | 357 | 45 |
| Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience | 66 | 27 | 39 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-RDM).

⇒ Chamber of Commerce:

Bitterroot Valley Chamber, 105 E. Main, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry

Bitterroot Job Service Workforce Center

333 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-1822,
<http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/hamilton/>

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Bureau Publications

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⇒ Housing Costs:

Bitterroot Valley Board of Realtors, 206 E. Ravalli, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2945

⇒ Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>. Cities and towns of Conner, Corvallis, Darby, Florence, Grantsdale, Hamilton, Pinedale, Stevensville, Sula and Victor Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Stevensville—102 Main St., Suite A, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-4388

⇒ Newspapers:

Ravalli Republic, 232 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-3300,

<http://www.ravallirepublic.com/>

The Bitterroot Star, 215 Main, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-3928,

<http://www.bitterrootstar.com/>

⇒ Public Libraries:

Darby Community Public Library, 102 S. Main St., Darby, MT 59829-0037, 406-821-4771

Bitterroot Public Library, 306 State St., Hamilton, MT 59840-2759, 406-363-1670

North Valley Public Library, 208 Main St., Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-5061

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through

12th Grade:

Corvallis K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 700, Corvallis, MT 59828, 406-961-4211

Darby K-12 Schools, 209 School Drive, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3841

Florence-Carlton K-12 Schools, 5602 Old Highway 93, Florence, MT 59833, 406-273-6751

Hamilton K-12 Schools, 217 Daly Ave., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2280

Lone Rock Elementary, 1112 Three Mile Creek Road, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-3314

Stevensville Public Schools, 300 Park St., Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-5481

Victor K-12 Schools, 425 4th Ave., Victor, MT 59875, 406-642-3551

Ravalli County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 2000

| Industry | # of Establishments | Average Annual Employment | Average Annual Wages Paid | Industry | # of Establishments | Average Annual Employment | Average Annual Wages Paid |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Establishments | Employment | Wages | | Establishments | Employment | Wages |
| TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES | 1,323 | 9,334 | \$208,395,900 | Food Stores | 26 | 611 | \$9,146,240 |
| PRIVATE BUSINESS | 1,259 | 7,552 | \$157,498,717 | Auto Dealers-Service Stations | 28 | 228 | \$5,068,517 |
| AGRI., FORESTRY, FISH | 57 | 311 | \$5,213,462 | Furniture Stores | 19 | 84 | \$1,461,578 |
| Agr Production/Livestock | 11 | 34 | \$587,119 | Eating & Drinking | 81 | 676 | \$5,796,017 |
| Agriculture Services | 31 | 114 | \$1,944,626 | Miscellaneous Retail | 46 | 188 | \$2,258,785 |
| Forestry | 7 | 30 | \$488,390 | FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE | 99 | 445 | \$11,402,765 |
| MINING | 3 | 4 | \$142,609 | Banking | 10 | 243 | \$8,186,658 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 229 | 659 | \$15,587,371 | Credit Agencies | 8 | 7 | \$163,920 |
| Special Trade | 134 | 360 | \$7,797,758 | Security & Commodity | 6 | 16 | \$1,540,557 |
| MANUFACTURING | 113 | 1,129 | \$33,360,408 | Insurance Agents | 18 | 50 | \$1,164,155 |
| Food Products | 5 | 31 | \$417,234 | Real Estate | 45 | 99 | \$1,095,035 |
| Apparel | 3 | 7 | \$94,730 | SERVICES | 381 | 2,242 | \$45,496,603 |
| Lumber | 57 | 727 | \$24,265,573 | Hotels & Lodging | 17 | 133 | \$1,672,678 |
| Printing-Publishing | 11 | 49 | \$616,958 | Personal Services | 19 | 50 | \$733,002 |
| Stone-Clay-Glass | 5 | 40 | \$1,120,326 | Business Services | 61 | 190 | \$3,985,209 |
| Fabricated Metals | 6 | 181 | \$4,573,952 | Auto Repair Services | 24 | 90 | \$1,933,610 |
| Nonelectrical Machinery** | 5 | 12 | \$290,677 | Miscellaneous Repair Services | 19 | 31 | \$567,175 |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing | 6 | 15 | \$331,135 | Amusement & Recreation | 31 | 233 | \$3,323,565 |
| TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES | 70 | 345 | \$8,413,587 | Health Services | 51 | 899 | \$20,528,611 |
| Local Transportation | 8 | 65 | \$688,635 | Legal Services | 15 | 33 | \$617,772 |
| Trucking-Warehousing | 30 | 129 | \$2,990,397 | Educational Services | 7 | 57 | \$1,021,935 |
| Air Transportation | 6 | 6 | \$184,279 | Social Services | 27 | 139 | \$1,994,645 |
| Transportation Services | 12 | 46 | \$816,420 | Membership Organizations | 31 | 134 | \$1,234,022 |
| Communication | 6 | 26 | \$975,063 | Engineering Services | 48 | 167 | \$7,321,123 |
| Elec., Gas, Sanitation | 8 | 70 | \$2,748,593 | Private Households | 20 | 38 | \$456,537 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 58 | 913 | \$9,595,714 | NONCLASSIFIABLE | 8 | 12 | \$227,356 |
| Durable Goods | 39 | 199 | \$7,643,963 | GOVERNMENT | 64 | 1,762 | \$50,897,163 |
| Nondurable Goods | 19 | 114 | \$1,851,761 | State | 10 | 72 | \$2,070,782 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 238 | 2,086 | \$28,058,622 | Local | 33 | 1,222 | \$27,236,471 |
| Building Materials-Garden | 23 | 167 | \$3,116,873 | Federal | 21 | 487 | \$21,589,930 |

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

**Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment.

Per Capita Personal Income

| | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 | 1996 | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 | 1992 | 1991 | 1990 | 1980 | 1970 |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| U.S. | \$29,469 | \$27,843 | \$26,893 | \$25,412 | \$24,270 | \$23,255 | \$22,340 | \$21,539 | \$20,962 | \$20,023 | \$19,572 | \$10,183 | \$4,095 |
| Montana | \$22,518 | \$21,490 | \$21,225 | \$19,920 | \$19,173 | \$18,592 | \$17,995 | \$17,968 | \$17,045 | \$16,471 | \$15,516 | \$9,143 | \$3,628 |
| % of National Average | 76% | 77% | 79% | 78% | 79% | 80% | 81% | 83% | 81% | 82% | 79% | 90% | 89% |
| Ravalli County | \$18,959 | \$18,145 | \$17,977 | \$16,940 | \$16,462 | \$16,036 | \$15,865 | \$15,682 | \$15,121 | \$14,370 | \$13,660 | \$7,507 | \$3,029 |
| % of National Average | 64% | 65% | 67% | 67% | 68% | 69% | 71% | 73% | 72% | 70% | 74% | 74% | 74% |

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county fliers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment by Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Ravalli County
Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex

| School Age | White Alone | | Black Alone | | American Indian & Alaska Native Alone | | Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone | | Some Other Race Alone | | Two or More Races | | Hispanic or Latino of any Race | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female |
| | 5-11 | 3,440 | 1,669 | 12 | 5 | 29 | 20 | 20 | 11 | 15 | 8 | 81 | 41 | 105 |
| 12-14 | 1,671 | 788 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 35 | 20 | 48 | 21 |
| 15-17 | 1,722 | 804 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 16 | 6 | 48 | 26 | 65 | 31 |
| 18-21 | 1,339 | 589 | 7 | 2 | 29 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 11 | 39 | 19 | 45 | 24 |
| Total | 8,172 | 3,850 | 23 | 9 | 98 | 53 | 40 | 20 | 58 | 30 | 203 | 106 | 263 | 130 |

| Working & Voting Age | White Alone | | Black Alone | | American Indian & Alaska Native Alone | | Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone | | Some Other Race Alone | | Two or More Races | | Hispanic or Latino of any Race | |
|----------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|--|--------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female |
| | 16+ | 27,214 | 13,849 | 29 | 8 | 254 | 127 | 98 | 60 | 122 | 67 | 353 | 197 | 433 |
| 16-64 | 21,703 | 10,923 | 26 | 6 | 232 | 112 | 81 | 48 | 116 | 64 | 323 | 182 | 404 | 228 |
| 18+ | 26,052 | 13,313 | 28 | 8 | 240 | 117 | 95 | 60 | 108 | 62 | 316 | 177 | 387 | 223 |
| 18-64 | 20,541 | 10,387 | 25 | 6 | 218 | 102 | 78 | 48 | 102 | 59 | 286 | 162 | 358 | 207 |

| Other Age Group | White Alone | | Black Alone | | American Indian & Alaska Native Alone | | Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone | | Some Other Race Alone | | Two or More Races | | Hispanic or Latino of any Race | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------|--|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female |
| | 0-4 | 1,998 | 952 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 38 | 16 | 73 |
| 5-17 | 6,833 | 3,261 | 16 | 7 | 69 | 44 | 35 | 19 | 41 | 19 | 164 | 87 | 218 | 106 |
| 18-44 | 10,694 | 5,410 | 16 | 4 | 136 | 58 | 53 | 33 | 70 | 41 | 164 | 101 | 246 | 146 |
| 45-64 | 9,847 | 4,977 | 9 | 2 | 82 | 44 | 25 | 15 | 32 | 18 | 122 | 61 | 112 | 61 |
| 65+ | 5,511 | 2,926 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 15 | 17 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 30 | 15 | 29 | 16 |
| Total | 34,883 | 17,526 | 49 | 17 | 319 | 166 | 143 | 85 | 158 | 88 | 518 | 280 | 678 | 367 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data
Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

Ravalli County

| County of Residence | # Who Work in Ravalli County | County of Work | # Who Live in Ravalli County |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Out of State | 23 | Out of State | 169 |
| Deer Lodge County | 14 | Cascade County | 11 |
| Flathead County | 17 | Flathead County | 20 |
| Missoula County | 263 | Lake County | 13 |
| Ravalli County | 7,933 | Lewis & Clark County | 11 |
| Yellowstone County | 10 | Missoula County | 1,604 |
| Other Montana Counties | 30 | Ravalli County | 7,933 |
| | | Other Montana Counties | 52 |

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.